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C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 14379

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PROCEDURES FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY

PROCESSING FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEE BOAT CASES

REF: (A) STATE 299088, (B) HONG KONG 13939, (C) HK 14344

1. AS NOTED REFTEL B, HKG DOES NOT RPT NOT WISH TO GIVE APPEARANCE OF BEING USED AS REFUGEE PROCESSING CENTER. AT SAME TIME IT BELIEVES HONG KONG CAN AVOID THAT LABEL IF REFUGEES ARE NOT LEGALLY LANDED, BUT COME THROUGH HONG KONG KONG IN TRANSIT UNDER UNHCR CONTROL WITH HKG ASSUMING NO LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM. NEED FOR ACTIVE HKG PARTICIPATION IN REFUGEE PROCESSING, PARTICULARLY IN ISSUING TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, WILL MAKE REF A PROPOSAL DIFFICULT TO SELL.

2. WE MUST BE ABLE TO TELL HKG THAT:

A. INS WILL PRESCREEN ALL REFUGEES PRIOR TO ARRIVAL HONG KONG AND THAT ENTRY INTO U.S. WILL BE VIRTUALLY CERTAIN IN EVERY CASE.

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B. SHOULD ANY REFUGEE BE LEFT IN OR RETURNED TO SETTLE THEM

ELSEWHERE.

C. ALL REFUGEES WILL BE PROCESSED WITHIN 10(10) WORKING DAYS OF ARRIVAL AND WILL DEPART HONG KONG ON NEXT AVAILABLE FLIGHT.

D; MAXIMUM NUMBER OF REFUGEES TO BE PROCESSED IN HONG KONG AT ANY TIME WILL NOT EXCEED FIFTY.

3. WE WOULD LIKE AT LEAST TO SOUND OUT HKG ON THIS PROPOSAL ALONG LINES PARA 2 ABOVE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF POLITICAL ADVISOR ON HOME LEAVE DECEMBER 15. IF UNHCR COMMITMENT NOT FORTHCOMING BEFORE THEN, WE PROPOSE TO MAKE INFORMAL APPROACH TO HKG SOLICITING REACTION TO PROPOSAL CONDITIONAL UPON FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM UNHCR.

4. BELIEVE WE SHOULD HOLD OFF ON APPROACH TO FCO RESERVING OPTION OF TWISTING ARM IN LONDON FOR USE ONLY IF HKG UNRECEPTIVE TO PROPOSAL. ONCE WE HAVE MADE APPROACH, RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT INFORM BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WE HAVE DONE SO.

5. WE FORESEE NO PROBLEM WITH TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF PROPOSED PROGRAM EXCEPT FOR STAFF TO CARRY OUT PROCESSING. WILL NEED ONE ADDITIONAL INS OFFICER HERE TO ENABLE INS TO SCREEN AT OTHER POSTS, AND ANOTHER CONSULAR OFFICER ASSIGNED TO CONGEN TO HANDLED EXPECTED 40-50 PERCENT INCREASE IN IV ISSUANCE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION TO TAKE INFORMAL SOUNDING WITH HKG PRIOR TO DECEMBER 15.  
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